MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Hss the Government any objection to invest certain Tahsildars with magisterial powers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not necessary. Moreover, the member knows that Government invest their Tahsildars with magisterial power only very sparingly in view of the general policy enunciated by them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how many Tahsildars were invested very recently with magisterial powers.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Very few.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Were not about 20 Tahsildars invested with magisterial powers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In view of the fact that there is a Police Station at Mavelikara, does the Government consider it necessary to confer on the Mavelikara Tahsildar magsterial powers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The distance from Kayankulam to Mavelikara or Mavelikara to Chengannur is not much.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the distance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 12 miles is not long in these days of motor traffic.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there motor traffic from Palamel to Kayankulam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is motor traffic from Mavelikara.

Expenditure on the land etc., for the bridge across the Kulakkada river on the Mavelikara—Tiruvalla road.

82. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent till now (2-12-1108) for the land and the preliminary works for the bridge across the Kulakkada river on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road; and

(*b*) the reasons for not carrying out the work on which some expenditure has been incurred?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A sum of Rs.1,690-1-0 has been spent till the end of Karkadagom 1106.

(*b*) The work is held up for want of funds.

Levy of fees from pupils of depressed classes.

83. ***MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether instructions have been issued by the Director of Public Instruction to the Headmasters and Managers to levy school fees in the first instance from all pupils irrespective of their belonging to depressed or backward communities and to refund such fees in cases of proved inability to pay?

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